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## IN VACATION.

### Rape of Virginia Timber.

A PROSE POEM FROM THE SEA-SHORE.

The following is a genuine and unadulterated claim for damage to timber sent in to the office of a railroad company in a Virginia Peninsula:

Dear Sir. It is with great reluctance and sobriety I am drove and compelled to reiterate these lines leaving us both helpless in the extrem. I have to inform you of the verry serious malady or grievous complaint that the Locomotive ignited a portion of my timbered land on yesterday while the wind was blowing a lively breze from the northwest and ravished a considerable space of young timbered land some 10 or 12 acres, it is a greivous burthen to bair. I wish to know from you if their is any redress of compensation for this devastating and hurtful damage. The damages which I have sustained \$100.00 will not replace it. will you as agent for the company take some pecuniary steps toward alleviating this hideous calamity. I value the damages sustained to timber irrecuperable unless the company returns me a sufficient redress. I desire you will give it your serious attention with your intermediate reply. with due respect I remain verry truly.